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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT MARCOS COMMENTS ON ICJ REPORT

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1. BULLETIN TODAY AUGUST 8 GAVE FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE TO WIRE SERVICE (REUTER) ITEM REPORTING PRESIDENT MARCOS' COMMENTS AT KUALA LUMPUR PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS (ICJ) REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE PHILIP-PINES. THE ARTICLE, WHICH REPORTS THAT MARCOS CALLED REACTION OF AUTHOR OF ICJ REPORT "TYPICAL OF A SPURNED LOVER," WAS HEADLINED "FM SAYS ICJ REPORT MOTIVATED BY POLITICS." NO OTHER MANILA DAILIES RAN STORY.

2. BULLETIN TODAY ARTICLE IS ONLY SECOND REFERENCE BY PHILIPPINE PRESS TO ICJ REPORT. TEODORO VALENCIA, IN HIS AUGUST 5 DAILY EXPRESS COLUMN, WHILE MAKING NO DIRECT MENTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT, CRITICIZED THE ICJ FOR "NOT JOINING THE LAW CONFERENCE IN MANILA." VALENCIA SAID IT IS POINTLESS TO ARGUE WITH WESTERN HUMAN RIGHTS EXPERTS BECAUSE THEY DO NOT WANT TO KNOW THE TRUTH.

3. COMMENT: WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS OUT OF THE COUNTRY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GUIDED MANILA PRESS STILL SEEMS UNCERTAIN HOW TO REACT TO NEGATIVE PUBLICITY WHICH ICJ REPORT LIKELY TO GENERATE ABROAD.

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